

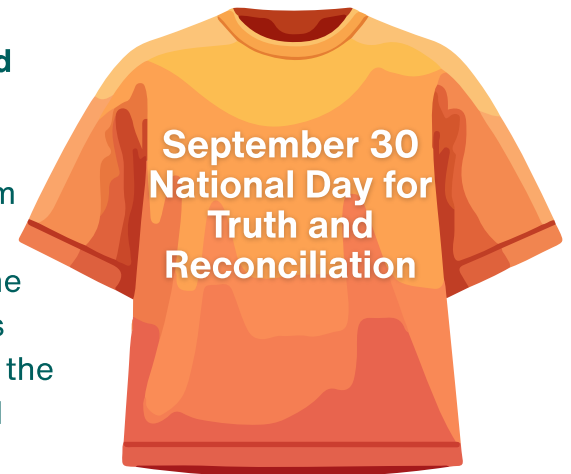


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September 30 is the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, a day to honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, the Survivors who did, and the families and communities who continue to live with the impacts of the residential school system.

For Indigenous Peoples, the history remembered on this day is not distant. Its effects have been carried through families and across generations.



September 30 is an opportunity to remember those experiences, acknowledge the strength and resilience of Survivors, and recognize the importance of continuing the work of healing. It is also a day to celebrate what could not be taken away: our culture, language, traditions, connection to the land, family and community.

September 30 is also recognized as **Orange Shirt Day**, inspired by the experience of residential school Survivor Phyllis Webstad, whose new orange shirt was taken from her when she arrived at residential school as a six-year-old child. The orange shirt has since become a powerful symbol and reminder that **Every Child Matters**.

Truth and reconciliation are not limited to one day. Reconciliation requires listening, learning, understanding the truth of Canada's history and taking meaningful action throughout the year.

We remember. We honour. We carry the teachings forward.

Calendar of Events

For complete event details visit the BRFN website and be sure to visit our Facebook page and App.

Wednesday 9	Jordan's Principle Indian Boarding Home Claim Helpers
Thursday 10	Massages with Edna
Monday 14	FNHA
Tuesday 15	Massages with Anoop
Wednesday 20	Brandy
Thurs - Sun 17 -20	Gathering of Nations Dawson Creek
Monday 21	FNHA Lunch & Learn Vaping & Cannabis
Thursday 24	Massages with Edna Diabetes Clinic
Monday 28	FNHA Haircuts & Waxing 10am - 3pm
Tuesday 29	Massages with Anoop
Wednesday 30	Orange Shirt Day Every Child Matters

For appointments call 250-630-2830

Medical Transport Services every
TUESDAY & THURSDAY between 10am - 2pm.
Please contact Med Trans 5-7 days in advance.



Community Outreach - Mobile Driver Licensing

In partnership with Blueberry River First Nations and ICBC, ICBC's Mobile Office will be visiting your community!

When and where?

September 15th from 10:00am-6:00pm
September 16th from 11:00am-7:00pm
September 17th from 9:00am-3:00pm
Services will be held at the Blueberry River Nations Community Center, 18785 Blueberry Reserve Road. Please contact Lisa Appaw for information at lappaw@blueberryfn.ca



Services Offered & Fees

- Knowledge Tests:** \$15.00 per attempt (classes 7/8, 5/6, 4, 3 and 2).
- Driver Licence Renewals:** \$75.00 or \$17.00 for seniors
- BC Identification Card:** (ages 12+) \$35.00 original or \$15.00 for renewals and seniors.
- BC Services Card:** (ages 18.5+) \$0.00

Important Information

- Primary & Secondary ID** is required for all services.
***Please review our ID policies to ensure you have everything you need for a successful visit (original documents required)** – icbc.com/acceptedid
- Parental Consent** forms are required for knowledge test applicants under 19 years of age.

Online Knowledge Testing – learn more at icbc.com/knowledgegetest.

Did you know that you can now take your online knowledge test at home, at school and in the comfort of your community *before* we visit? We can issue your licence once we arrive!

ICBC is modernizing to better serve the diverse needs of customers across the province. Driver Licensing Offices and appointed agents will continue to offer in-person services as usual.

Our team will continue to provide in-community knowledge tests and individual support with verbal exams whenever needed.






Thurs. September 10th 11AM-1PM

BRFN PLAY GROUP

Join Nenane Dane's ISCD hosts Ashley T and Michelle L for family play time, snacks, crafts, stories and meaningful connection as we laugh, learn, and grow together!
BRFN Community Hall
Enter to win our door prize!

admin@nenane.ca 250.787.2151
www.nenane.ca

Calendar of Events



Powwow

September 18 - 20, 2026

- Free Admission
- Everyone Welcome
- Drug and Alcohol Free

Dawson Creek, Oviniv Events Centre
 300, Highway 2

Competition Categories:

• Golden Age (56+)	1 st \$1000 2 nd \$800 3 rd \$600
• Senior Adults (36-55)	1 st \$1000 2 nd \$800 3 rd \$600
• Junior Adults (19-35)	1 st \$1000 2 nd \$800 3 rd \$600
• Teens (13-18)	1 st \$300 2 nd \$200 3 rd \$100
• Junior Boys & Girls (7-12)	1 st \$200 2 nd \$100 3 rd \$50
• Tiny Tot (0-6)	Paid Daily
• Mens Buckskin	Paid Daily

Grand Entry Times:
 Friday: 7:00pm
 Saturday: 1:00pm & 7:00pm
 Sunday: 1:00pm
 Specials: TBD

Drum Contest:

- First: \$10,000
- Second: \$6000
- Third: \$4000

- Shower access ONLY for dancers during powwow hours (No public access)
- No camping on site - local campgrounds nearby include: Mile 0 Park, Northern Lights RV Park, and Alahart RV Park

Arena Directors:

- George Desjarlais - Frog Lake, AB
- Graham Rowan - Tsuut'ina Nation

Announcers:

- Glen Waskewitch Onion - Lake, SK
- Elmer Rattlesnake Smaliboy - Camp Mtn Cree

Drum Boss:

- Walter White - Enoch, AB

Host Drum:

- Mountain Kree

Head Female Dancer:

- Sophie Bob - Sugar Cane, BC

Head Male Dancer:

- Kevin Buffalo - Samson Cree Nation

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

**TOGETHER WE CAN
SAVE LIVES.**
 HOPE. HEALING. CONNECTION.

**THIS IS NOT A GENERIC WORKSHOP.
THIS DEALS WITH
THE ROOTS OF SUICIDE.**

WE ADDRESS THE REAL CAUSES THAT KEEP OUR PEOPLE TRAPPED IN PAIN, HOPELESSNESS, AND A NEGATIVE STATE OF MIND — AND WE HELP BREAK THAT CYCLE.

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NORTHERN REGION
First Nations Health Authority

Elder's Corner



Elders, We'd Love for You to Join the Healing the Land Conference



September 22–24, 2026 Moberly Lake, British Columbia

BRFN Elders (65+) are invited to attend with support from Nan wújɔ anawúdle.

*registration, travel, and accommodation

Interested in attending?

Contact:

Sandra Apsassin, BRFN Elders Coordinator
250.630.2830

elderscoordinator@blueberryfn.ca

Deadline for interest - August 31

The Healing the Land Conference brings together Indigenous leaders, governments, restoration practitioners, and industry partners to share knowledge and strengthen relationships.

Guided by Reclaim, Restore and Recover, the conference focuses on caring for the land, supporting restoration, and building a stronger future



September Birthdays



September 5 **Judy Maas**
September 14 **Guy Pyle**
September 26 **Maryanne Adekat**

2026 Conference Program Day One:

Keynote Speaker (Virtual)

Robin Wall Kimmerer



Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of the bestselling *Braiding Sweetgrass* and the award-winning *Gathering Moss*, and is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology.

As founder of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, Kimmerer bridges Indigenous knowledge and Western science to inspire ecological restoration, cultural renewal, and reciprocal relationships with the land.

2026 Conference Program Day Two:

Keynote Speaker (In-Person)

Severn Cullis-Suzuki



Severn Cullis-Suzuki is a lifelong advocate for intergenerational justice and healing our relationship with the earth and each other. Severn rose to global attention as a child with her speech at the 1992 UN Earth Summit, seeking to awaken leaders to their responsibility to future generations, and has since spoken worldwide on climate change, the significance of Indigenous ways of knowing and being, and social responsibility.

Severn holds a B.Sc. from Yale, an M.Sc. from the University of Victoria, and a PhD in Linguistic Anthropology from UBC (2025). Based in Haida Gwaii, Severn works with Haida Elders on language revitalization programs and served as the Executive Director of the David Suzuki Foundation from 2021–2025.

“Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.”

— **Phyllis Webstad, residential school Survivor and founder of the Orange Shirt Day movement**

Administration & Finance



ABOUT US....

Our office is responsible for administration of finance, human resources, and general office functions. This includes accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, audits, budgeting, human resources, reception, general office tasks, and assisting Chief and Council with other tasks.

To all BRFN Members:

Please be advised that applications for the BRFN Youth Extracurricular Sponsorship must be submitted to the Finance Department as one complete package in a single email. Applications sent in multiple emails will not be processed.

All documents must be properly scanned and legible. If you require assistance with scanning, support is available at the BRFN Reception from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If you are in town, you may also receive assistance from the Finance Department at the Town Office (1007 100 Ave) every Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

How to pay for propane, internet & housing maintenance



You may etransfer your payment to etransfer@blueberryfn.ca. Please indicate what the payment is for on your etransfer "Note/Memo". You also need to provide your email or phone number so we can send you a receipt of payment. You may pay in person at Blueberry River First Nation Band office reception.

Finance Staff Contacts:

Cheryl Wallace, CPA
cfo@blueberryfn.ca

Liezl Quintana 250-630-2807
lquintana@blueberryfn.ca
For general finance questions and payroll inquiries

Aurora Carranza 250-630-2822
acarranza@blueberryfn.ca
Propane Services

Shilpa Joseph 250-630-2846
sjoseph@blueberryfn.ca
Internet Services

Agnal Francis 250-630-2846
afrancis@blueberryfn.ca
For matters related to Accounts Payable



Are you on the new MEMBER PORTAL?

We've moved from a shared password to individual Member accounts.

To register with your new account, go to:

1. Members Login -
<https://blueberryfn.com/members-login/>
2. Fill out the registration form and wait to be verified.
3. Once verified, you will receive a confirmation email to set up your new password and log in!

You can also follow the steps by scanning the QR CODE:



Check back often for Members-only updates on TLE, TRL, along with other items from Chief and Council.

If you need assistance accessing the portal, please email:

BRFNComms@cmrconsulting.ca and someone will get back to you shortly.

Health & Wellness



A Little Honey for Cold & Flu Season

September is National Honey Month, and with fall just around the corner, it's a perfect time to take a closer look at one of nature's sweetest foods.

Honey has been enjoyed for thousands of years, both as a food and as a traditional remedy. While it certainly isn't a cure for a cold or the flu, honey may offer some welcome comfort when cough and sore throat season arrives.



Easy Honey Oat Bites

A simple no-bake snack with just a few ingredients.

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup peanut butter or other nut/seed butter
- ⅓ cup honey
- ½ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- Optional: raisins, dried cranberries or mini chocolate chips

Directions

- Mix all ingredients together in a bowl until well combined.
- Refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
- Roll into small bite-sized balls.
- Store covered in the refrigerator.

Tip: If the mixture is too sticky, add a few more oats. If it's too dry, add a little more honey or nut butter.



Job Opportunity



WE NEED A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER!

Blueberry River First Nations (BRFN)
is looking for a School Bus Driver to help
safely transport our students to and from school.



ICBC MOBILE OFFICE DATES:

September 15 | 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
September 16 | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
September 17 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



LOCATION:

BRFN Community Centre
18785 Blueberry Reserve Road



POSITION DETAILS

- Safely transport students to and from school
- Follow all safety procedures and routes
- Maintain a clean and safe bus environment
- Work closely with school and community staff



REQUIREMENTS

- Valid Class 2 or 4 Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement
- Clean Driver's Abstract
- First Aid Certification (or willingness to obtain)
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Strong commitment to student safety and community



INTERESTED?

Please submit your **RESUME** to:

Craig Smith, CAO

cao@blueberryfn.ca

**FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING
LICENSING OR THE ICBC
MOBILE OFFICE, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Lisa Appaw

lappaw@blueberryfn.ca



ICBC SERVICES INCLUDE:



Class 2 & 4
Knowledge Tests



Driver Licence
Renewals



BC
Identification
Cards



BC
Services
Cards



**PLEASE BRING THE REQUIRED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION.
ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

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Restoration





BLUEBERRY RIVER
FIRST NATIONS



Join the Restoration & Protection Committee

Be a Voice for the Wolf Family

Blueberry River First Nations is inviting a BRFN member to serve as the **Wolf Family Representative** on the Restoration & Protection Committee.

This is an opportunity to help support restoration and protection initiatives that benefit our lands, community members, and future generations while ensuring the Wolf Family has a strong voice at the table.



COMMITTEE COMMITMENT

-  2–3 meetings per month
-  2–4 year term
-  Collaborative community leadership



APPLICANTS MUST:

-  Be a BRFN member
-  Be 19 years or older
-  Be committed to respectful participation



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Councillor Troy Wolf
250-224-7754



We invite you to be part of this important work. (250) 262-0771 info@restorationsociety.ca

Stay Connected With Us

We encourage members and community partners to follow, like, and share our social media pages to stay up to date on restoration work, community initiatives, and stories from the land. Your support helps amplify this work and strengthen our shared commitment to caring for the territory.

Facebook QR Code

LinkedIn QR Code

Contact the Restoration Society:
11421 Alaska Road, Fort St John
250-262-0771
info@restorationsociety.ca

Contact the Restoration Department
Jerri-Lynn Apsassin, Executive Assistant
japsassin@blueberryfn.ca
250-224-2746

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Hello Autumn

word search

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PIE
BOOTS
APPLE

ACORN
LEAVES
SPIDER

TREE
FALL
HARVEST

RAKING
SCARF
PUMPKIN

A vertical strip of autumn-themed illustrations. From top to bottom: a grey cloud with a smiling face raining; two orange pumpkins; a green leaf; a branch with green leaves and red berries; a red mushroom with white spots; a brown acorn; an orange beanie; a green umbrella; a brown mushroom; and a yellow corn cob.

PUZZLE TIME Spot 10 differences



As the days get shorter and cooler in fall, trees stop producing as much chlorophyll. The green fades away, revealing the beautiful yellow and orange pigments that were hiding underneath.

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